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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 3, 1864.

By direction of the President of the United States, the following changes will be made in the organization of the "Army of the James."

1. The 10th and 18th Army Corps will be discontinued.

2. The white infantry troops of the 10th and 18th Army Corps, now with the Army of the James, will be consolidated under the direction of the Major-General Commanding the Department of Virginia and North Carolina, and will constitute a new Corps, to be called the 24th Corps.

3. The colored troops of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina will be organized into a new Corps, to be called the 25th Corps.

4. The present Corps Staff and the artillery of the 18th Corps will be transferred to the 24th, and the present Corps Staff and artillery of the 10th, to the 25th Corps.

5. Major-General E. O. C. ORD is assigned to the command of the 24th Corps; and Major-General G. WEITZEL to the command of the 25th Corps.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.